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SLOPPY SURFACES DON'T SLOW BREEDERS' CUP PREPARATIONS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Oct. 26, 2018) – On a soggy Friday morning beneath the historic Twin Spires, nine Breeders' Cup contenders completed their major preparation for the World Championships on Nov. 2-3 at Churchill Downs.

MIND YOUR BISCUITS TUNES UP FOR THE CLASSIC – Trainer **Chad Summers'** top Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) contender **Mind Your Biscuits** completed what appeared to be his final major preparation for the \$6 million test with an easy five-furlong move in 1:03.20 early Friday morning at Churchill Downs.

"It was a two-minute lick," Summers said. "We're really happy with how he's doing and how he went this morning."

Mind Your Biscuits, the winner of the Lukas Classic (GIII) on Sept. 29 at Churchill Downs and multiple Grade I-winning sprinter, has pre-entered in both the Classic and TwinSpires Sprint (GI).

"I actually originally pre-entered in the Classic and Dirt Mile," Summers said. "However, once I heard **X Y Jet** was coming for the Sprint, I changed my pre-entry at 11:50 a.m. on Monday (deadline was noon)."

Tyler Gaffalione, a new addition to the Churchill Downs jockey colony, has the call on Mind Your Biscuits in the Breeders' Cup.

SEEKING THE SOUL WORKS HALF-MILE IN :47.60, STEWART HOPES TO SNEAK INTO CLASSIC – Currently on the outside of the Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) field looking in is locally based trainer **Dallas Stewart's** Ack Ack (GIII) winner **Seeking the Soul** who worked a half-mile in :47.60 Friday morning at Churchill Downs.

"It seems we have some luck sneaking into races when we are on the outside looking in," said Stewart, who finished second in the Kentucky Derby in 2013-14 with **Golden Soul** and **Commanding Curve**. "One thing we know for certain is that this horse loves this track. If we can't get into the Classic, then we can run in the Dirt Mile. I think he'll do great in either spot."

Currently, Seeking the Soul is ranked No. 17 on the Breeders' Cup preference list for the Classic, that is limited to 14 starters.

The winner of the Grade I Clark Handicap last November worked Friday through opening splits of :11.60 and :23.20, before galloping out five furlongs in 1:00.60, according to Churchill Downs Clocker **John Nichols**. The work was ranked the third fastest out of 26 at the distance over the "good" dirt surface.

DUBAI WORLD CUP WINNER THUNDER SNOW (IRE) BREEZES SEVEN FURLONGS IN 1:27 – Godolphin's **Dubai World Cup** (GI) winner **Thunder Snow (IRE)** completed his final step prior to the Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) with a seven-furlong move in 1:27 at 5:30 a.m. EDT Friday at Churchill Downs.

Thunder Snow worked through eighth-mile splits in :13.20, 26, :38.40, :50.40, 1:02.40 and 1:14.60. The 4-year-old colt completed his work with a one-mile gallop out in 1:41.20, according to Nichols.

Godolphin's Traveling Manager **Tommy Burns** watched intently from Section 318 of the Churchill Downs grandstand with a smile on his face. Burns reported trainer **Saeed bin Suroor** likely will arrive at Churchill Downs early next week.

WHITMORE BLITZES HALF-MILE IN :46.20 FOR TWINSPIRES BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT – Trainer **Ron Moquett's** crack sprinter **Whitmore** was the first horse onto the Churchill Downs racetrack Friday at 5:20 a.m. EDT and breezed a :46.20 half-mile inside of stablemate **Meanbone** in preparation for the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI).

"I thought it was very good work," Moquett said. "The most important thing was to get the safest and best track to work over and that's why we went so early. The time was quick but the most important thing was he did it on his own without any encouraging."

Whitmore worked inside of Meanbone through splits of :11.40, :22.20 and :34, before galloping out five furlongs in 1:00.20, according to Nichols. It was the fastest work of 26 horses at the distance.

The 5-year-old chestnut gelding by Pleasantly Perfect was most recently the runner-up in the Phoenix Stakes (GII) at Keeneland behind **Promises Fulfilled**.

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MR. MONEY FIRES BULLET FOR BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE – Allied Racing Stable's **Mr. Money** signaled his readiness for next Friday's \$2 million Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) by working five furlongs in :59.60 over a track labeled as good early Friday morning.

With jockey **Gabriel Saez** aboard, Mr. Money produced fractions of :12.60, :36.20 and :59.60 for the fastest of 36 works at the distance. Mr. Money galloped out six furlongs in 1:12 and seven furlongs in 1:25.60, according to Nichols.

"He went a little faster than I wanted him to, but the track is a little quick," trainer **Bret Calhoun** said of the work that was accomplished at 6 o'clock, well before a soaking rain turned the track to "sloppy" later in the morning.

"He did it very easy; nice and relaxed. He squeezed him a little at the sixteenth pole to finish and he galloped out well."

Mr. Money broke his maiden on his third try, winning a 1 1/16-mile race here Sept. 28.

"He won going two turns here and I think that is an advantage," Calhoun said.

Calhoun also said that **Carl R. Moore Management's Finley'sluckycharm** came out of her half-mile work of :47.80 on Thursday fine. Finley'sluckycharm, a winner of 6-of-7 starts at Churchill Downs, is pre-entered in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (GI).

FOUR BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS LOG TURF WORKS FRIDAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS – With light rain falling at 9:45 a.m. Friday at Churchill Downs, Breeders' Cup contenders **Chelsea Cloisters**, **Forty Under**, **Pakhet** and **Shang Shang Shang** recorded works over the "yielding" Matt Winn Turf Course.

Trainer **Wesley Ward's** Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint hopefuls **Chelsea Cloisters** and **Shang Shang Shang** breezed a half-mile, in company, in :50.80 and :51.40, respectively.

Indian Summer Stakes runner-up **Chelsea Cloisters**, who is No. 13 on the preference list for the Juvenile Turf Sprint that is limited to 12 starters, began her breeze one length behind **Shang Shang Shang** and finished two lengths in front at the wire through splits of :13.80 and :26.80, according to Nichols.

"I think she liked the soft turf," said jockey **Tyler Gaffalione**, who was aboard **Chelsea Cloisters**. "It was a really good work."

Veteran rider **Aaron Gryder** was aboard Florida-bred **Shang Shang Shang** who is undefeated in two career starts including a victory at Royal Ascot in the Norfolk Stakes (GII).

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' Pakhet, runner-up in the Jessamine (GII) at Keeneland in her most recent start, worked a half-mile on the yielding turf course in :51.40 with exercise rider **Juan Bernardini** up, in preparation for the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies Turf (GI).

Fractions on the work were :14, :27, :51.40 and out five-eighths in 1:06, according to Nichols.

"It looked like she handled it well," said **Ginny DePasquale**, assistant to trainer **Todd Pletcher**. "Todd wanted to go easy."

The remainder of Pletcher's eight-horse Breeders' Cup contingent is scheduled to arrive Monday.

Working just ahead of **Pakhet** was **August Dawn Farm's Forty Under**, winner of the Pilgrim (GIII) at Belmont in his most recent start for trainer **Jeremiah Englehart**.

With exercise rider **Marquel Lemon** aboard, **Forty Under** worked a half-mile in :52.20 with splits of :14.20, :28.20, :52.20 and out five-eighths in 1:05.60, according to Nichols.

"I brought him down early to get a work over the course," Englehart said. "I am glad they opened it up today, a week before the race, and that is perfect for us. He started off a little slow but that was fine and he finished up well."

Now 2-for-2 on the grass, **Forty Under** will be ridden in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI) by **Manny Franco**.

ADDITIONAL BREEDERS' CUP NEWS AND NOTES – Trainer **Tom Amoss** said his two Breeders' Cup pre-entrants were fine Friday morning following half-mile works in :48.20 on Thursday. "They will go back to the track in the morning," Amoss said of **Joel Politi's Serengeti Express** (Tito's Handmade Vodka Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-GI) and **G M B Racing's Lone Sailor** (Classic/Dirt Mile-GI). "The owners are meeting tonight (about which race Lone Sailor will run in)." ... Trainer **Kathleen O'Connell's** duo of **Stormy Embrace** (Filly & Mare Sprint) and **Well Defined** (Juvenile) have arrived at Churchill Downs from Florida and are based in Barn 39. ... A flight from California carrying several Breeders' Cup contenders has arrived in Lexington. The horses vanned to Churchill Downs and were expected to arrive at noon. The contenders on the Kalitta Charters flight were: **Anonymity** (Filly & Mare Sprint, trainer Richard Mandella); **Bellafina** (Juvenile Fillies, Simon Callaghan); **La Force** (Longines Distaff, Paddy Gallagher); and **Miss Sunset** (Filly & Mare Sprint, Jeff Bonde). Also on the flight was Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert's** Rags to Riches contender **Mother Mother**, who will be stabled in **D. Wayne Lukas' Barn 44**. ... A flight carrying superstar filly **Enable** along with 21 other European Breeders' Cup contenders is expected to arrive at Churchill Downs at 11:45 p.m. Friday, according to Churchill Downs Director of the Stable Area **Steve Hargrave**. All 22 contenders must quarantine for a minimum 42 hours and could possibly train on Monday. ... The following horses are expected to breeze Saturday morning at Churchill Downs: **Axelrod** (Classic, Barn 43); **City of Light** (Dirt Mile/Classic, Barn 43); **Golden Mischief** (Filly & Mare Sprint, Barn 23); **Monomoy Girl** (Distaff, Barn 23); **Promises Fulfilled** (Sprint, Barn 4); **Reflect** (Juvenile Fillies, Barn 26); **Trophy Chaser** (Juvenile, Barn 34); **Seven Trumpets** (Dirt Mile, Barn 4); and **Vibrance** (Juvenile Fillies, Barn 43).

BARN LIST – All Breeders' Cup contenders must be on the grounds 72 hours prior to their race. Many of the contenders will arrive over the weekend. Check for updates regarding arrivals via Twitter from @DerbyMedia.

Below are the current Breeders' Cup contenders that are currently stabled at Churchill Downs:

Trainer	Horse	Race	Barn
Jorge Abreu	Stellar Agent	Juvenile Fillies Turf	30
Tom Amoss	Lone Sailor	Classic/Dirt Mile	29
Tom Amoss	Serengeti Empress	Juvenile Fillies	29
Steve Asmussen	Chanteline	Turf Sprint	38
Steve Asmussen	Mia Mischief	Filly & Mare Sprint	38
Steve Asmussen	Midnight Bisou	Distaff	38
Steve Asmussen	Tight Ten	Juvenile	38
Juan Avila	Trophy Chaser	Juvenile	34
Jeff Bonde	Miss Sunset	Filly & Mare Sprint	35
Bret Calhoun	Finley'sluckycharm	Filly & Mare Sprint	23
Bret Calhoun	Mr. Money	Juvenile	23
Simon Callaghan	Bellafina	Juvenile Fillies	33
Mark Casse	Wonder Gadot	Distaff	36
Luis Carvajal Jr.	Imperial Hint	Sprint	18
Brad Cox	Arklow	Turf	22
Brad Cox	Golden Mischief	Filly & Mare Sprint	22
Brad Cox	Monomoy Girl	Distaff	22
Brad Cox	Will Call	Turf Sprint	22
Keith Desormeaux	Reflect	Juvenile Fillies	25
Jeremiah Englehart	Forty Under	Juvenile Turf	43
Paddy Gallagher	La Force	Distaff	33
Tim Glyshaw	Bucchero	Turf Sprint	3
D. Wayne Lukas	Bravazo	Classic	44
D. Wayne Lukas	Warrior's Club	Sprint	44
Richard Mandella	Anonymity	Filly & Mare Sprint	28
Mike McCarthy	Axelrod	Classic	41
Mike McCarthy	City of Light	Dirt Mile	41
Mike McCarthy	Liam the Charmer	Turf	41
Mike McCarthy	Paved	Filly & Mare Turf	41
Mike McCarthy	Vibrance	Juvenile Fillies	41
Ron Moquett	Whitmore	Sprint/Dirt Mile	10
Bill Mott	Channel Maker	Turf	19
Bill Mott	Yoshida (JPN)	Classic	19
Kathleen O'Connell	Stormy Embrace	Filly & Mare Sprint	39
Kathleen O'Connell	Well Defined	Juvenile	39
Anthony Quartarolo	Baby Nina	Juvenile Fillies	24
Anthony Quartarolo	Fuhriously Kissed	Filly & Mare Turf/Distaff	24
Dale Romans	Promises Fulfilled	Sprint/Dirt Mile	4
Dale Romans	Seven Trumpets	Dirt Mile	4
Dallas Stewart	Seeking the Soul	Classic	37
Chad Summers	Mind Your Biscuits	Classic/Dirt Mile/Sprint	18

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